

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2014 - 5:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 3

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Lawton, Rafferty, Munn, Frost  
Staff: Jones

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF October 6, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 6, 2014

Motion by Munn, seconded by Frost, so voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Conservation Plan Review

Staff distributed copies of the 1990 Conservation Plan. She noted that some Connecticut towns have stand-alone Conservation or Open Space plans and others incorporate them into their Plans of Conservation and Development. She read a list of eight towns that have separate Conservation plans and asked each Commission member to review two, noting what they like or dislike about the plans for the next meeting. Lawton will review plans from Washington and Tolland; Rafferty from Stonington and Colchester; Munn from Salem and Redding; Frost from South Windsor and Willington.

The Commission discussed elements that they'd like to see in an updated Plan. They would like to Plan to address methods of open space acquisition, taking fees in lieu of open space, sea level rise, marsh migration, protection of shellfish beds, and conservation of cultural resources such as scenic roads, stone walls, and views. They discussed the difference between an open space plan and a conservation plan. Frost suggested the Commission review Lands of Unique Value methodology as developed by a UCONN professor.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Rafferty reported that the Sparkle Lake Conservation area is getting a good deal of use and reviewed the different plans under development for the Merritt Property.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF

Staff distributed several newsletters.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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Gail Munn, Secretary  
Conservation Commission

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